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It is my hope that this book will contribute to the global debate about the blood diamonds problem, and help to stimulate renewed interest in safeguarding and improving the lives of the many people affected. To do so, I believe we must look beyond economic value to the intrinsic value of human life and dignity, which is synonymous with a spiritual perspective:

It is said that in South Africa, a diamond mine is discovered. Although this mine is most valuable, yet after all it is stone. Perchance, God willing, the mine of humanity may be discovered and the brilliant pearls of the Kingdom be found.

Abdu'l-Baha (1844–1921)

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